


REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koller et al. Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koller et al. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koller in view of Rother.

Claims 5-7 were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

By the present Amendment, the subject matter of claim 5 has been embodied in independent claim 1, and claim 5 accordingly has been cancelled. In view of the indicated allowability of the subject matter of claim 5, amended claim 1 and all of the claims depending therefrom are submitted to be in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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